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Mayor of Seattle

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William Ruddell  
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Dear Mr. Ruddell:

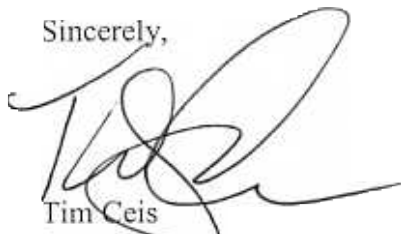
Thank you for meeting with Edsonya Charles and Patricia McInturff to discuss Providence House's proposal to create a transitional home and program for Level I and possibly Level II sex offenders in the Wallingford neighborhood. We respect and appreciate the important work your faith-based, nonprofit organization aims to do.

We are grateful that Providence House is committed to providing sex offenders with stable housing from which to complete a treatment program, seek employment and build a support network. These services help to reduce recidivism and protect the public.

However, I oppose your efforts to locate your first residence in Seattle. Seattle was recently selected by the State of Washington to be the site of the Secure Community Transition Facility for high-risk sexual offenders. We also have several other programs serving sex offenders being released from the criminal justice system.

Currently, Seattle has a disproportionate share of this population. As a Bellevue-based organization, you should first look to provide these services in your own community. Again, thank you for your important work.

Sincerely,



Tim Ceis  
Deputy Mayor

cc: Jan Drago, President Seattle City Council

